



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 10
1200 Sixth Avenue
Seattle, WA 98101

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Reply To
Attn Of: ECL-115

Raz Husein
Equinox Resources (Washington), Inc.
c/o Mano River Resources, Inc.
890 West Pender Street, Suite 600
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Re: Van Stone Mine/Mill, Stevens County, WA

Dear Mr. Husein:

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), through its contractor, Ecology and Environment, Inc. (E & E), has completed a report summarizing the findings of site visits conducted at a number of mine and mill sites in Stevens County, Washington. The site visits were conducted as part of EPA's efforts to identify potential sources of hazardous substance contamination to the upper Columbia River and its tributaries.

A summary of the site visit conducted at the Van Stone Mine/Mill site on June 22 and 23, 2001, as well as analytical results of samples collected from the property can be found in the enclosed report titled "Upper Columbia River Mines and Mills Preliminary Assessments and Site Inspections Report, Stevens County, Washington". The enclosed report, dated October 2002, was prepared by E & E for the EPA.

EPA is evaluating the findings for the Van Stone Mine/Mill site at this time.

We appreciate your cooperation during the site visit. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (206) 553-0323.

Sincerely,

Monica Tonel
Site Assessment Manager

Enclosure



cc: Flora Goldstein, Ecology-Eastern Regional Office
Tony Delgado, Stevens County Commissioner
Randy Miller, Van Stone Mine, Colville, WA